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Snow build-up in the parking lots caused the Doon campus to close last Tuesday.

Blizzard closes college

by Gary Guy

The timing of the decision to close Conestoga College Tuesday because of heavy snowfall clearly angered a number of students.

"Why didn't they make the decision earlier," said broadcast student Simon O'Donovan who learned of the 10 a.m. closing as he entered the college.

Other students, interviewed as they left school, all had the same question: "Why couldn't they tell us earlier?"

However, college director Dave Putt, the man responsible for such decisions, said it is college policy not to close because of bad weather, leaving the decision of whether to attend up to the students.

Putt said we stay open unless police close the main roads leading to the college - something which had not happened when the decision was made around 9:30 a.m.

"We decided to close the college not because of poor driving conditions, but because of snow building up in

the parking lots," Putt said.

The lots are the responsibility of Mac Rostance, director of physical resources, who said the amount of snow that had fallen (about 15 centimeters) and the time that most of it fell (between 6:30 and 8 a.m.) made it impossible to clear them before the students began arriving for school.

"If the snowfall would have stopped by 9 a.m., we could have worked around parked cars and stayed open, Rostance said.

However, with the snow continuing to pile up and a forecast of more snow throughout the day, we decided to close immediately, otherwise by late afternoon we would have had cars stuck all over the parking lots, he said. This would have delayed indefinitely the clearing of snow from the lots.

Rostance said the school is well equipped to handle an average snowfall, but must simply do the best it can during storms.

Last week's closing was only the second time in the school's history that excess snow in parking lots caused closure, Rostance said, the other time was in 1968.

Smile

The probable reason some people get lost in thought is because it is unfamiliar territory to them.

Middle age is when the narrow waist and the broad mind begin to change places.

Noon fitness beneficial

by Mark Wagner

Summer is getting closer. Time to take off the gloves, boots and coats, shirts, pants and sweaters and get into shorts, running shoes, and bathing suits. But there is one problem, you are 45 pounds over weight from all that winterizing of your body. You had too much turkey at Christmas and too much beer at New Year's. But there is hope and help at the Conestoga Centre every Monday, Wednesday and Friday administered by Elizabeth Mask-Wessel, instructor of the Noon Fitness program.

"There are other benefits besides looking better for the summer. After coming here for a while, you will have a higher energy level (able to study longer) and you will be able to manage stress better.

"The physical activity is an outlet for stress," said Mask-Wessel.

The class, run from 12:35 to 1:10 p.m., is packed full of activities. The class begins with a warm-up followed by a cardio-vascular workout (jogging, skipping) to get the heart pumping faster, then Mask-Wessel slows things down with stretching and floor exercises to strengthen and tone up muscles and finally a cool down so you leave the class relaxed.

"Some people may be hesitant to attend because they think that they will stand out or feel inferior. We normally work at an upper-intermediate level, but we can teach all levels from beginners up," she said.

"We also generally have themes to classes. For the

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Press barred from meeting

by David Gonczol

The press has been barred from attending the February 19 meeting between the Conestoga College financial advisory committee and the various student associations affiliated with the college. The meeting is held annually to discuss student budgets (including the \$225,000 DSA budget) and to review spending practices during the five month period ending December 31.

College officials pointed the finger at the students associations as the culprits for the secrecy. Jack Williams, Director of Finances, was unavailable for comment all week, however assistant director of finances Kevin Milan said the reason for the secrecy was the student associations wanted the meeting held behind closed doors.

These student associations include the Stratford Campus Students Associations, the Stratford Nurses Association, and the Kitchener Queen and Green Street Nurses Association.

The meeting will deal with the DSA's budget of approximately \$225,000 of student activity fees paid by Conestoga students at the Doon campus and with money given by students at the other campuses.

Kevin Milan said if Spoke received permission from the

other associations to cover Doon's budget, the press could attend. Dan Randall, when contacted for phone numbers of the other student associations, simply said "it is a closed meeting," and the day after the meeting anyone involved with the budget or the meeting "would be happy to answer questions."

Milan said if it was just the DSA's budget that was to be discussed it would not be a closed meeting.

"The other student associations don't want their budgets covered by the Doon newspaper."

As of press time, the other associations could not be reached for comment.

Red Cross clinic successful

The Red Cross sends its appreciation to all the volunteers at Monday's blood donor clinic. "We had an excellent turnout, 175 donors to be exact," said Rose Brumefield, of the Cambridge Red Cross.

One hundred, seventy-five certainly beat out last year's clinic which only received 78 donors.

Brumefield felt it was the position of the clinic that made the difference. "This year's clinic was held in the students lounge whereas last year's was held at the Centre. People just didn't want to make the trip."

Several volunteers had to be turned away because of colds, active allergies and lack of a good breakfast. Those who didn't eat and turned up to donate ended up feeling the results of it.

"One donor fainted, but generally everyone felt okay," said Susie Scott, another Red Cross member.

Kathy Koehler, a donor from Conestoga College, when asked why she donated said, "I might need it some day," expressing the most important reason for donating.

"I don't mind, I have a couple of quarts to spare," said Allan Vander Emme, another college student. Vander Emme also felt it was the quietest he had ever seen the lounge.

Anyone between the ages of 17 and 66 can donate. The minimum weight is 100 lbs. and the minimum height is 60 inches.

All blood types were needed, particularly O type. O type can be used for O, A, B and AB type patients in an emergency. Only O type patients

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Graphics students enraged

Design, Graphics and Advertising students are in a rage over being blamed for the excessive amount of cafeteria trays and cutlery being left in the lounge outside the rooms 2B19, 20 and 21. "We were approached by the security personnel and told to clean up our mess," said one student. "Usually the mess is already there before our lecture is finished at 12:30 p.m. If we are going to be blamed, then we want that area reserved strictly for the graphic students."

The students admitted that some of the blame falls on them, but insist that measures have been taken to correct the problem within the three graphics rooms. However, the problem still exists in the lounge area because of the number of students who use the cafeteria as a games room and study lounge.

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Better birth control needed

Abortion has been a perpetually controversial issue in Canada for almost 20 years. In the last few years hardly a week has gone by when pro life or pro choice or Henry Morgentaler have not been in the news. These, unfortunately are only symptoms of a greater problem. Morgentaler and the interest groups are fighting a battle that will never be won by either side.

The only way to solve the problem is to eliminate the need for abortion. The interest groups would have a better chance of realizing their dreams if they channelled all the negative energy they direct at each other into campaigning for publicly-funded conception control clinics. Women will only stop demanding abortions when they cease to become pregnant accidentally.

If people had easy access to inexpensive birth control there would be a much smaller chance of pregnancy. Anyone old enough to engage in sexual activity should be educated about and allowed to obtain hassle free birth control.

Until this happens, abortion will continue to be a necessary evil.

Cashing in on Ethiopia

Yes, yet another song has been recorded to aid Ethiopia's famine victims. This time, Canadian musicians recorded "Tears are Not Enough," written by Bryan Adams.

This whole idea of record proceeds going to Ethiopia, was originally the brainstorm of Bob Geldof, singer for the Irish band Boomtown Rats.

With "Do They Know It's Christmas" becoming the fastest selling record in history, it's no wonder American and Canadian musicians jumped on the Ethiopia bandwagon.

"We Are The World", written by Lionel Richie and Michael Jackson, recorded by American musicians after the American Music Awards, is just one example of cashing in on Geldof's unselfish idea.

Even the video for "We Are The World" is a rip-off of "Do They Know It's Christmas."

Sure, Bryan Adams, Lionel Richie and Michael Jackson are trying to do something admirable, the best way they can, but do they have to turn Geldof's idea into a spoof?

What country will be recording a song next?

DSA promotes drunkenness

The Doon Student Association seems to think that the only way to enjoy drinking is to get fallen-down drunk.

At least one could reasonably conclude this from their advertisements promoting various drinking events - advertisements such as the one for a recent trip to Niagara Falls which displayed the phrase "Drink and Drown" or the name which they use to promote a periodic event: "Pub Crawl".

This type of advertising is demeaning to the many students who are quite capable of having a few drinks and a good time without getting totally bombed.

In a time when brewers and distillers as well as governments are spending millions of dollars promoting moderation for obvious health reasons, the D.S.A. appears to be concerned with only one thing: money.

In the future we hope that the D.S.A. will find the health of students to be more important than their own financial well-being.

Slow bus service irks students

by Gary Guy

Bus-riding Conestoga College students and the director of transportation for Kitchener Transit disagree about the quality of service to and from the college.

A random survey of bus-riding students, about 10 per cent of enrolment, found them almost unanimous in their disapproval of the service. They complained mostly about length of travel time.

However, Wally Beck of Kitchener Transit says the service is good.

"We're always trying to improve service because we realize that no one wants to spend any more time on the buses than necessary," Beck said. "However, one must be realistic, the college is poorly located and will likely always present a transportation problem."

The disagreement centers on long routes with extensions added on return trips between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. These can extend the trip from the college to Fairview Mall to 35 minutes.

This trip for many local students is but the first leg of a twice-daily journey taking up to 90 minutes each.

When told of the students complaints, Beck said, "That's garbage. So it takes a few extra minutes to travel the extensions, the students should remember that they're not the only ones on the buses."

Bus driver Willie Resmer figures about four out of every five trips on these two extensions are a waste of time.

"Lots of times, I pick up at the college and then do my extensions, going down to Doon church and over to Caryndale without picking up

a soul," Resmer said.

Beck did have a suggestion for students leaving before 3 p.m. yet wishing to shun the longer trip. He said they should pay closer attention to the bus schedule and avoid taking the "B" bus back to the mall.

The "B" bus, alternates with the "A" bus to and from the college and although both have the dreaded extensions, the "A" bus is the shorter trip of the two, taking about 20 minutes on its return to Fairview Mall, with only a brief ride along Millwood on the way.

Beck said the students must remember that Kitchener Transit has a responsibility to the taxpayers and it has to try and serve as many people as possible, including those who live or work in the area between the college and Fairview Mall.

Exercise prevents back injury

by Heather Ashby

Snow shovelling can be a real pain, especially to your back. With all the snow that has taken the area by storm, snow shovelling is inevitable, but extreme care should be taken when digging the white stuff from under your feet.

One of the easiest injuries to obtain when snow shovelling is disc syndrome, more commonly known as a slipped disc. The slipped disc is generally brought on by a sudden movement, in addition to general wear and tear and may cause severe pain in the back and legs.

A joint sprain or facet syndrome, is caused by a sudden injury, often following years of

neglecting the back. With this, the injured suffers pain and stiffness.

The adjustment for this is not complicated. A chiropractor should be used for treatment (of course) and the injury can be looked after in a matter of minutes. For facet syndrome, the chiropractor may have the patient lie on their side, this relieves pressure from the pain sensitive area. The chiropractor places one hand on the injured joint and the other on the patients shoulder or rib cage. The joint is realigned by a gentle rotating motion. Ice may be recommended for the first 48 hours after treatment.

The following exercises are intended to stretch your leg and back muscles that may cause injuries. They also help the stomach and hip muscles which support the spine. Remember to relax and breathe deeply while exercising. As the muscles stretch and strengthen, the exercises become soothing.

The first exercise is called the back stretch: Bring your knees to your chest, keeping your neck and hips relaxed. Hold. Then rock forward and backward to include the buttocks and neck in the stretch. Hold for as many seconds as you feel comfortable with;

remember, don't overdo it you're just limbering up.

Back extension is great for the lower back. Lie on stomach and slowly push upper body off the floor by straightening arms. Breathe deeply and relax your pelvis so that it drops down to the stretch.

The side stretch; stand with feet apart. Hold a towel over your head and stretch your arms up and to the side. Keep hips still and facing front during the stretch. Switch sides when you feel it is necessary.

It is important to cool down before getting right to snow plowing. Relax for a while before entering the cold, but don't slouch. I after limbering up, you still find the shovelling bothers your back, see a chiropractor and he can help you.

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can use O type blood.

Ten beds for donations and ten beds for recovery had been set up. There was coffee, juice and donuts as well.

Veteran blood donors had no need for extra precautions but if you were a first time donor you were urged to drink something very cold to get the circulation going.

The success of this clinic has encouraged Brumfield to announce another clinic, pending for the fall.

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beginners, we have How to survive a fitness class. Other examples of our themes are How to run properly and Target heart rates," she added.

If you could stand a little toning up or a major overhaul, then the Conestoga Centre' Noon Fitness is for you. It's free, what more can you ask for?

Propaganda flourishes at local book store

by David Gonczol

The zeal of the 1917 Russian revolution is alive at Progressive Books and Periodicals, 8 Duke St., Kitchener. Inside this organ of the Canadian Communist Party (Marxist-Leninist) the political student or the socially aware citizen can find the classic literature of scientific socialism. It is known by some in Kitchener simply as The Communist Bookstore.

The store, which opened in 1977, is owned by the Communist Party of Canada and is managed by Communist Party member Jeff Conway. It is part of Conway's responsibilities as a party member to manage the store. He has been a party member for 15 years, an unsuccessful candidate in the 1979 federal election, and is finishing a general arts B.A. at the University of Waterloo.

During an interview with Conway in which he explained the purpose and operations of the bookstore, we were surrounded by revolutionary literature such as Canadian Student, Voice of The People and The Ideas of Karl Marx Are Immortal.

The sole purpose of the bookstore is to disperse the views of the Communist party among the public. It is the

vocal chord of a political party that rarely gets a chance to air its views through the media.

"The goal of the party is to achieve its political program, which is to organize revolution and construct socialism and communism in Canada," said Conway.

The goals of this bookstore and four others like it in Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver and Hamilton are to give the public, access to socialist books and periodicals, and the views of the Communist Party of Canada through its publications.

The store has revolutionary

literature from Canada, Albania, Great Britain and other countries. There are books by

"The goal ... is to organize revolution, and to construct socialism and communism in Canada."

the fathers of socialism; Karl Marx, Frederick Engels and Joseph Stalin, as well as Communist Party of Canada publications which report on revolutionary activities in

Canada.

All books in the store are purchased from the National Publications Centre, and are published by People's Canada Publishing House. Both are owned by the Communist Party of Canada.

The many books from or about the tiny Balkan state of Albania seem odd. But in the eyes of Marxists throughout the world, Albania is a world leader.

"It is the only country that actually implements the ideas of Karl Marx. Other countries which are referred to as socialist or communist like the

Soviet Union, Poland, or China are just pseudo-socialist."

Conway said the Soviet Union is a capitalist country that has a very high degree of state monopoly capitalism. State monopoly capitalism is practiced in Canada in the form of the post office. If Bell telephone were owned by the government it would be state monopoly capitalism.

Conway says the difference between socialism and capitalism is what the prime motive is behind the means of production in a society. Capitalism has profit as its prime motive, while socialism has the welfare of the masses, according to Conway.

He dismisses the recent article in the K-W Record about alleged human rights violations in Albania as "bourgeois propaganda."

Because he is a party member, he is like one of the books in his store, espousing the view of the party. He is there to manage the store and to answer questions.

The bookstore has been the scene of some non-intellectual political activity over the years. In 1981 a chlorine bomb was set off in the store. The same year, 22 calibre bullets were fired through the storefront windows. Conway claims the people behind the incidents were fascists with connections to the Ku Klux Klan.

Zehrs tapes collected for mental health

by David Gonczol

Schizophrenia is one of the most baffling disorders of the mind and Conestoga students have a chance to help those lives touched by people with it. Verna Closs, a member of Family and Friends of Schizophrenics, and a member of the cafeteria kitchen staff, is taking advantage of the Zehr's tapes program.

She has placed an envelope behind the cash register in the cafeteria labelled "ZEHRS' TAPES FOR MENTAL HEALTH."

If you want to help, keep the cash register tapes you re-

ceive after shopping at Zehrs and drop them in the envelope.

For every \$300 in register tapes, Zehrs donates \$1 to the charity of Verna's choice, which is Family and Friends of Schizophrenics.

Verna put the envelope in the cafeteria just after the teachers strike. Since then the college has donated \$5,173 in tapes, which translates into \$17. Conestoga shouldn't be proud though. Ingrid, Alice and Dorothy of the Kitchen staff donated \$7,500 in Zehrs tapes over the summer holidays. So far through Verna's efforts, Friends and Families

of Schizophrenics is \$42 richer.

Ken Parsons, a spokesman and member for Family and Friends, said many other members are also taking advantage of the Zehrs program. The money is being used for many purposes.

"Some money goes to buying literature for the Waterloo Regional Mental Health Library on King St. in Kitchener. We also pay speakers to come from such places as Toronto to speak to the organization, and we transport schizophrenics from Cambridge to take part in programs in Kitchener," said Parsons.

This summer, mind your own business!

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Mind your own business

by Steve Chapman

Interest-free loans of up to \$2,000 are available to students who wish to plan and operate their own small business over the summer from Gordon Dean the provincial secretary for social development.

Students must be at least 15 years of age and returning to school full-time in the fall to be eligible for the loans under the 1985 Student Venture Capital Program. The loans are interest-free from April 1, 1985 to the repayment deadline of October 1, 1985.

The program is co-sponsored

by the Ontario Youth Secretariat, The Royal Bank of Canada and the Ontario Chamber of Commerce.

More than 1,000 participants in last's summer's program operated a variety of businesses that ranged from painting and gardening, computer software design, and windsurfing lessons.

These initiatives under Ontario Youth Opportunities are especially designed to encourage the development of entrepreneurship among Ontario's youth, and help young people create challenging jobs for themselves and others.

Making space

by Heather Ashby

With the new semester, many students have moved into apartments or rooms smaller than some people's closets. With such limited space, it is hard to concentrate on studies comfortably.

Luckily, there is a solution to this problem and space can be made easily and for a low cost. There should be no major adjustments, nothing extreme or expensive.

Needed materials for the space project are two barbecue racks, three or four vegetable bins, some plastic milk crates, cardboard boxes of all sizes, an old sleeping bag, some plastic containers and some old coffee cans.

The first step in this project is to clear away junk and decide its destiny. Have a box for old clothes that haven't seen the light of day for over two years and mark it as things to give away. Next, take the stacking vegetable bins and place folded sweaters and shoes in them. This is a great way to save closet space. As for those coffee cans, use them to store loose change, shoe laces or tennis balls. These also help make

closet space more available.

If desk space is a problem, take the barbecue racks and hang them above the desk area. Now get some soup cans and attach them and some envelopes to the wires of the rack with some pipecleaner. These are great for storing pens and bills and extra papers that are needed but tend to get in the way.

The plastic milk crates are great for storing records and books in as well as milk and with a liner they make great waste baskets or laundry hampers. The other plastic containers are good for stamps, elastics and paperclips, things that are hard to find.

Stuff the sleeping bag with old material and make a roll up chair or a bed for overnight guests. This is also a comfortable throw cushion to lie around on and study.

Cardboard boxes hold letters and important school papers or anything you wish to store in them.

So if you're one of those new students who has hardly any room to think, get working on some space. Space can be made when the time is available.

Don't sweat it

by Heather Ashby

If you're one of those people who gets sweaty palms during exams or other tense situations, you've got nothing to worry about. If your hands are constantly wet and have a tendency to drip and are worse when nervous, you suffer from something called Hyperhidrosis.

Hyperhidrosis is a disease making the hands sweat excessively. It often attacks people who are nervous and it is something that its sufferers have to put up with for life. There is no major cure for this strange disorder. There are medicines to be applied on the hands and pills and even machines, but these only bring temporary relief. All the methods damage enough nerves to

help the wetness dry up.

It doesn't sound like much of a handicap (no pun intended) and there are people who are more unfortunate, but to someone who suffers from this, it is a major problem. Certain materials cause the water to get worse. Wool, plastic and nylon are not beneficial to those who have Hyperhidrosis.

No one wants to hold your hand, ink runs and blotches while writing, water blisters appear in some cases and when people meet and want to shake hands, it is a major embarrassment.

Though not a major disease, it is something to watch for. If you have always had sweaty palms and you thought it was nothing, look again. See a dermatologist.

Entertainment

New laser game

by Stephen Hodgson

Have you ever wished you were Luke Skywalker, Buck Rogers or Captain Kirk?

Starblazer, a new video fantasy and space adventure game, will have you beaming down to the planet Romniak to battle away with ray guns.

10,000 sq. ft. of playing area make up the alien planet Romniak.

The goal is to voyage to the opposing headquarters, capture the Treasure Orb and return it to your fortress all without being hit by enemy ray fire. A belt-worn sensing device records each time you are hit by the invisible rays fired off by the other teams light ray beamer.

It will be the point totals that determine winners. The computerized belt sensors keep an accurate record of both team and individual player tallies and champions will emerge with every match.

The cost to beam down to Romniak will be \$3.50 for 15 minutes, and that includes all the equipment needed to ray your way to the Orb.

Starblazer will be opening four play areas in '85.

Gord Cooper, a spokesman for Starblazer, said, "The first

play area will be opening March 31st in Mississauga. The three others in Brampton, Scarborough and downtown Toronto.

Cooper added, "It will cost \$250,000 for the play area opening in Mississauga, \$150,000 for the second and \$400,000 for the other two."

The planet surfaces will be a designer's combination of Buck Rogers and Star Wars.

"The surfaces are being designed by Toronto architecture students," Cooper said.

Besides attracting the attention of players, the game is also the focal point of much investor interest now with the minimum investment being \$75,000.

Cooper said, "We have six investors right now. Mostly engineers and entrepreneurs."

Starblazer is the result of more than a year of planning and research.

"We've talked to kids at schools around Toronto and they seemed excited about the idea," Cooper said.

Starblazer comes from the founders of The Great Canadian Adventure Game.

Your space age dreams can come true. Visit a Starblazer game near you.



Marty Bear kept the crowd laughing as part of the Polar Party week festivities

Yaz lives in Alison Moyet

by Mark Wagner

Alison Moyet has successfully initiated her own career carrying with her the same sound she and Vince Clarke made famous before breaking up last year. Moyet, who was the lead singer for Yazoo, has just released her debut album entitled *Alf*, which is also her nickname. The album has already gained massive airplay on FM stations.

Moyet has retained the same noisy danceable music that carried Yaz to popularity. Although Yaz had a decidedly unusual sound (which itself was enough to get them noticed) characterized by a driving beat, pauses, synthesized water drips and horns, rocket ship blastoffs, and xylophone police sirens. It was Moyet's deep, powerful, operatic vocals that supported Yaz and now herself.

Extended play singles of *Love Resurrection* and *All Cried Out* were released last summer and Moyet was beginning to be recognized but her latest single, *Invisible*, is showing the most promise.

Even now, one and a half years after their break-up, Moyet and Clarke's single entitled *Situation*, is still being played in night clubs in this area. The song is three years old and definitely a classic.

By the way, if you have one

of the first released copies of *Situation*, it is now a collector's item. You can tell if you have one if the name of the group on the cover reads Yazoo (the later copies just read Yaz). When Yaz first came to North America, they had to change their name since there was already a group here by that name.

Yaz went their separate ways after releasing their second and final album, *You and Me Both*, which appropriately featured two fighting dalmations on the cover. Clarke became involved with his new project called *The Assembly* which has a small hit last year called *Never Never* and Moyet disappeared for a year before releasing *Love Resurrection* and then finally, to the delight of many Yaz fans, her first album.

Moyet won't need luck to become a success. All she has to do is rely on her skill as a singer and she will become even higher than Yaz in popularity. Don't even think of missing out on this album.

Smile

By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail!

Blessed are they who have nothing to say, and who cannot be persuaded to say it.

Bear entertains crowd

by Stephen Hodgson

Marty Bear returned to Conestoga College Wed., Feb. 6 and warmed a small cafeteria crowd with music and comedy.

Bear's comedy revolved around a person in the audi-

ence known as "Big Jim."

"Big Jim" was the recipient of many one-liners from Bear, most of them being related to sex.

Persons known as "Big Charlie," "Big Vic" and "Big Pete," also received comedy shots from Bear.

A member of the audience assisted Bear on stage, singing an acoustic version of the Beatles *Twist and Shout*.

The crowd got in the spirit of things by clapping, singing and dancing to Bear.

Beer and lasagna was served during the evening.

Killing Fields is superb

by Frank Galfusz

Imagine living in a land where terror and violence reign over the people. A land in which nobody is safe, for the forests and fields are laced with mines which could kill you at any step. Imagine *The Killing Fields*, the most powerfully emotional movie to come out this decade.

This true story, nominated for seven Academy Awards, revolves around two journalists and a photographer, played by Sam Waterson, Dr. Haing Ngor and John Malkovich, and their attempts to cover the revolution in Cambodia, a country which lies west of Vietnam.

The most dynamic performance of the movie comes from Dr. Ngor, as Cambodian journalist Dith Pran, a role which won him a Golden Globe Award and Academy Award nomination for best supporting actor. The last 45 minutes of the film center on Pran's life of slave labour in a land

where 'only the silent survive.'

Sam Waterson plays Sydney Schanberg, an aspiring journalist for the *New York Times*, a role which he brings to the audience with both emotion and poise. Schanberg covers the revolution and the terror in the streets dilligently, and goes where other journalists fear to tread.

Waterson was also awarded an Academy Award nomination, for best actor, in a role which is very convincing.

John Malkovich is American photographer Al Rockoff, a character who makes the audience smile in situations where it would otherwise be difficult to do so. Rockoff's string of profanities and raw emotion breathe life into a film which is already overflowing with it.

Some of the more powerful moments in the movie are definitely not for the squeamish, as they contain an abundance of blood and gore, but the viewer should see past this

necessary evil.

The music in the film, composed by Mike Oldfield, is loud and powerful and fits with the movies visual impact perfectly. The producer, David Putnam of *Chariots of Fire* fame, also makes good use of Paul McCartney's *Band on the Run*, and John Lennon's *Imagine*.

The Killing Fields is restricted due to the language and violence contained in the film. It is currently playing at the Waterloo Theatre.

Smile

Whether a fellow winds up with a nest egg or a goose egg depends a heap on the kind of chick he married.

Overheard on the cocktail circuit: "One thing about the speed of light - it gets here too early in the morning."

A honeymoon is the vacation a man takes before going to work for a new boss.

Tres Hombres mirrors ZZ Top

by Stephen Hodgson

Wearing cheap sunglasses, Tres Hombres gave a standing-room only crowd all their lovin' Thurs., Feb. 7.

Wearing redneck, Texan clothing, Johnny Walker, Jim Beam and Jack Daniels eliminated any doubts that these boys couldn't cover ZZ Top.

Could Tres Hombres be more, or even just as polished as ZZ Top?

For some at the pub, it would be difficult to differentiate between Tres Hombres and ZZ Top.

These three "sharp-dressed men" belted out hard-driven, no-nonsense southern rock.

The rowdy crowd enjoyed

Tres Hombres' shindig and showed their appreciation by singing and dancing.

Jack Daniels, Johnny Walker and Jim Beam migrated to Mexico during the turbulent '60s to escape the Vietnam war draft. They worked as mechanics restoring antique cars and played fiestas and Bar Mitzvahs in and around Chihuahua, Mexico.

Finally, due to unprecedented demand, Tres Hombres came to Canada in April, 1984, and immediately wowed the appreciative audiences.

Tres Hombres' return to Conestoga was a success, but was unfortunately subdued by the presence of the Waterloo regional police.



Enthusiastic students risk life and limb at the annual Polar plunge.

Positions available for Student Intramural Committee

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- Chairperson of Divisional Awards

Applications for the above positions can be picked up at the Conestoga Centre. Deadline for applications is Friday March 8. For more information call 653-2511 ext. 386.

VERMONT SKI WEEK-END

March 1-3

Those registered for the trip should pick up their INFORMATION PACKAGE from the DSA Activities Office between the hours of 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. on Thursday February 21.



Students in the cafeteria cleared a path for participants of the tricycle race.

Front Row Seat

Amateur sports lack funding

by Steve Chapman

Canada is probably best known for its winter sporting activities. Presently we have some of the top ranked amateur athletes in the world.

In a country known for its snow and cold weather it's no wonder we produce some of the finest athletes in the world. This column must be used to talk about our amateur athletes.

In past years our high flying ski-jumpers and our Crazy Canuck skiing team have provided us with thrills and spills.

This year Canada can be proud of the speed skating exploits of Gaeten Boucher, our 1984 Winter Olympic hero. Also Brian Orser is proving he is one of the top ranked figure skaters in the world.

Canada waits patiently as our young ski team and ski jumpers struggle to produce top 20 finishes. It's important that the government is patient with our young athletes and keeps up the funding that they desperately need. If we help our amateur athletes now, we can watch them proudly at the 1988 Olympics.

Let's talk about our successes this year. Gaeten Boucher has set the winter standards for the three disciplines he excels in. At European skating events he has performed admirably in the 500m, 1,000m and 1,500m events. There is no reason to believe that Gaeten plans to retire. He is almost committed for the 1988 Olympics.

We can be proud of Boucher's accomplishments now, but we don't have anyone to look forward to after Boucher retires. We must start developing young speedskaters now or the program will suffer in the years to come.

Another sport in which our athletes are comparable to the best in the world is figure skating. Brian Orser is presently one of the world's best figure skaters. Orser is also looking forward to the 1988 Olympics.

Canada must keep developing the young skating stars or we will lag far behind the other countries. We are strong in all the disciplines of figure skating and we have some promising athletes on their way up.

Our potential for success is unlimited in these sports. We have the money to help keep our stars happy. The government is happy to back a winner.

These are the two sports in which we're having good results. Everything is not rosy on the ski slopes or the ski jumping hills.

Todd Brooker is the only star on the men's team who has had top ten finishes. The ladies team has some strong skiers but they haven't come through with any victories on the European slopes.

Our ski-jumpers have been plagued by injury and suspension. Horst Bulua has been the only steady force on the team. Steve Collins has recently joined the team after leaving a drug rehabilitation centre in Minnesota, and Ron Richards is injured. The ski team hasn't produced the results expected of them.

Our government has enjoyed the lean years of success from our skiing teams, but since stars like Ken Read, Steve Podborski and Gerry Sorenson have retired Canada's results haven't been as strong.

It's important our government keeps on providing the funds these winter sports need. Even though there has been talk of cutting the skiing funds even more, it would be a stupid move because we must develop our young athletes.

It's important that government and sponsors keep backing amateur sports. This money is important or the people will stop being competitive.

Patience is the operative word, and if this occurs the results will come from our young athletes. The only way to succeed is to have the backing of the people.

The government must budget an allotted sum of money each year for amateur sports. If they are willing to give the requested amount we will be able to produce effective results in all our winter sports.

If people are willing to give money through sponsorship then we should not deny them that right. For example how can we condemn certain actions like a tobacco company wanting to give money or a brewery wanting to give money.

Any type of aid for our amateur program should be accepted with open arms. The government must not cut back on funding just because the result aren't all great.

Until our young athletes gain the experience they need we can watch our figure skaters, speed skaters and freestyle skiers gain high finishes.

It's time for our government to wise up and realize a country can't be successful all the time. If we bring our athletes along slowly, in three or four years we will have the results we've been looking for.



We lost the game but won the fights

Condors showing improvement

by Frank Galfusz

Conestoga's hockey Condors put together two of their most solid efforts of the season Feb. 6 and 8, but remain winless after 23 games.

Despite an excellent performance by Conestoga, the Sheridan Bruins upended the Condors 6-3 in a tight checking game. There was some bitterness surrounding this game as the Bruins had run up the score against a short-staffed Condor squad close to exams, and the Condors were out to avenge that beating.

Condor goalie Dan DeJong faced many difficult shots in the first period and stopped all but one fired at him. Keith Henderson of the Bruins opened the scoring at the five minute mark. The Condors rebounded with a marker on the power play in the 12th minute by Chris Favacho.

The Bruins came out flying in the second period, scoring at the 17 second and 29 second mark and the fans were wondering if the Condors were going to get blown out again. The Condors didn't fall down and die, they kept pressuring the Bruins until Bruce Hunking and Tim Orleman netted two goals to tie the game.

The Bruins took a 4-3 lead into the dressing room, but knew they were in a hockey game. The score remained 4-3 until late in the third period when Conestoga was assessed a five minute fighting penalty for soundly thumping a Sheridan forward. The Condors were short-handed for the rest of the game and Sheridan took advantage of this by scoring two more goals.

Condor coach Mike Kearns was pleased with his team's effort and said they are starting to play the way he wants them to.

"The team is starting to come together now," said Kearns. "If we had an 80 game schedule, like in the NHL, we might be able to get some good wins behind us."

"Unfortunately we only have a 28 game schedule."

Friday Feb. 8, the Condors put together another solid effort in a 5-3 loss to Georgian Grizzlies. The Condors only iced 11 players, however they still outmuscled the opposition in the first and third periods.

The game remained scoreless until the 16 minute mark when the Grizzlies took the lead on a goal by Ron Motz. The Condors replied less than two minutes later with a goal by Garry Boudreau. The first period ended in a tie.

The second period was a different story. The Condors missed several chances due to a poor power-play while the Grizzlies scored three goals, one while short-handed. The score after the second period was 4-2, and it looked like the Condors might fall apart in the third.

Thirty seconds into the final period John Nixon scored for

the Grizzlies, giving his team a 5-2 lead. Mark Patterson scored the final goal of the game, for the Condors, at the four minute mark.

Dan DeJong played another solid game in the Conestoga net stopping two breakaways in the second period. This was his second start in three days and his superb goaltending is cutting down the goals against.

There are only five games left in the season so please get out and support our team.

Quick Quips

Barry Beck, New York Ranger defenceman, on why he modelled underwear at a fashion show: "I thought it would be good exposure."

Spoke's NHL Pool

If you can pick the winning teams in this weekend's NHL hockey games, you could win yourself a pair of pub tickets, courtesy of Spoke and the DSA. Here's all you have to do:

Below are 10 randomly-picked games from this weekend's NHL schedule. To enter, circle the team you think will win each game. Notice that one game is written in capital letters. It is this weekend's BONUS GAME. Write a two-digit number from 00 to 59 on the line beside "Time of bonus game's last goal." If your two digits correspond with the last two digits in the official time of that game's final goal, you will be credited with THREE additional correct picks. Whoever submits the ballot with the most correct picks will be the winner. His or her name will be posted on the Spoke bulletin board next Monday. Drop off your ballot in the Spoke mailbox by noon on Thursday.

Selected NHL Games
February 22, 23, 24.

St. Louis at Buffalo	Quebec at Vancouver
Quebec at Edmonton	Toronto at Detroit
Chicago at Minnesota	Calgary at Philadelphia
Los Angeles at Hartford	N.Y. Islanders at Montreal
WINNIPEG AT MONTREAL	Detroit at Chicago

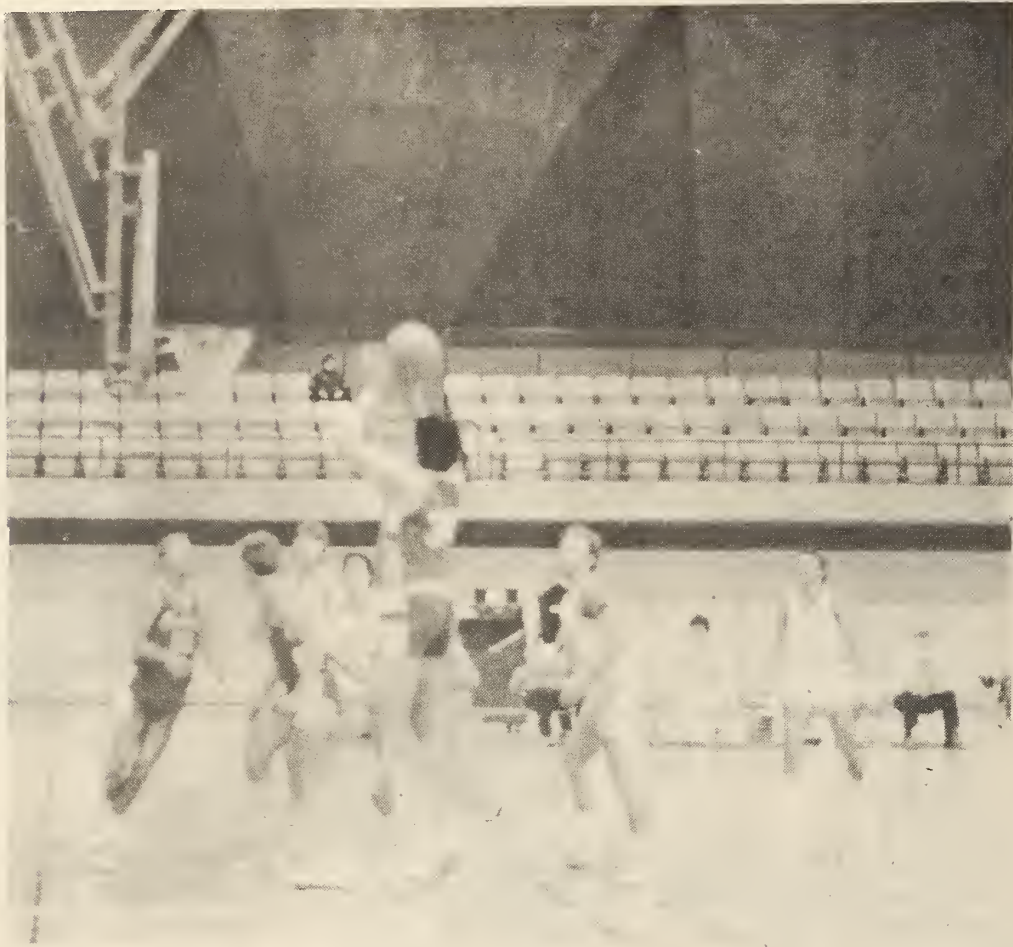
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Time of bonus game's last goal: _____

NAME: _____

Course: _____

Feb. 8-10 Winner: Sean McCauley, Criminology



Falcons put the pressure on the Condors

Condors lose battle of the birds

by Steve Chapman

The Conestoga basketball Condors faced the fourth place Fanshawe Falcons at the Recreation Centre on Feb. 7. The lead changed hands many times with the Falcons pulling away for a 78-63 victory.

The Condors opened strong with Dan Maletic leading the way in the first half. Maletic had 14 first half points.

The Condors controlled the game and held the lead numerous times in the first half. Some costly errors at the end of the half gave Fanshawe a slim 34-40 lead to take to the dressing room.

The Condors have been playing improved basketball

of late and this game was no exception. They moved the ball well on offense with Maletic quarterbacking the plays.

The Falcons were coming off a close two point loss at the buzzer to Humber on Tuesday night. The Falcons came out of the gate strong and were up by 10 points in the last 12 minutes of the game. The Condors never gave up but couldn't muster a serious comeback in the second half. Some sloppy play hurt the Condor chances.

After the game coach Bob Scott said his squad played a real strong game. "The boys worked hard in the first half. Its not like earlier in the year when other teams were blowing us out in the second half.

They play one or two bad minutes and that kills us. Basically I was impressed with the all-around team effort."

Dan Maletic led the Condor scorers with 26 points. Newcomer Steve Hummel, a welcomed addition, dropped in 10 points. Hummel and Maletic now give the Condors that outside shooting they desperately need.

In Toronto on Wednesday Feb. 6 the Condors lost to the George Brown Huskies 78-61.

The Huskies held a slim 35-29 halftime lead. The Huskies used a combination of hot shooting and tight defence to keep Conestoga at bay.

Athlete of the Week

A first-place finish in the mixed doubles competition of the OCAA western division badminton championships has earned Conestoga students Mike Graff and Cheri Wardell Athlete of the Week honors for the week of Feb. 4.

In the event staged last weekend at London's Fanshawe College, Graff and Wardell defeated twosomes from Fanshawe, St-Clair College, and Niagara College. The win earned the Conestoga pair a berth in the provincial championship to be held in two weeks at Centennial College in Toronto.

Graff, from Waterloo and Wardell, from Shallow Lake near Owen Sound, are both enrolled in Conestoga's Recreation leadership program.

Varsity Roundup

Conestoga athletes came through with a strong showing in last week's OCAA badminton championships.

The mixed doubles team of Mike Graff and Cheri Wardell swept to first place in their competition. In other events Cam Mattear placed fifth and Dave Moore sixth in men's singles, while John Veigli and Ken Towse placed fourth in men's doubles. Ann Condon and Cindy Stewart also managed a fourth place finish in women's doubles.

The volleyball squads were in action at Durham College in Oshawa and the men's traveled to Ottawa this past weekend.



Intramural Team of the week

The Doon Goons from the Co-ed broomball league have been selected as Intramural team of the week for the week of Jan. 28 to Feb. 1.

They currently hold the position of first place in their league with nine points.

Team members are (l to r): Front row - Stacey Kolenc, Lisa Meyer, Cleo Patadopoulos, Brad Kalbleisch, Norma Martin. Middle row - Sherrie House, Patty Pennington, Tom McGinnis (coach). Back row - Pat Zister, Brad Zinzie (captain), Rich MacDonald, and Mark Livingstone.



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